Statement-II

Pendency of customs cases in Supreme Court and High Courts

Year	Supreme Court	High Court
1999	1163	8020
2000	487	5609
2001	443	5637

Statement-III

Pendency of Cases with Commissioner (Appeals)

Year	No.of cases
1999	37772
2000	40585
2001	40594

Expansion of LIC in rural and semi-urban areas

2130. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation of India has formulated a strategy to grow its business in rural and semi-urban areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme has been cleared by IRDA; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the guidelines issued by IRDA or corporate agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has informed that the life inusrance business in rural and semi-urban areas, at present, is being tapped through the LIC's Individual Assurance Plan namely New-Jan Raksha which is specially designed to meet the needs of the prospective policyholders of these areas. The Corporation has also been

emphasising on the recruitment of new agents in rural areas through Rural Career Agent's Scheme for mobilising business from rural areas. The LIC has also introduced a new concept of Bima Gram Scheme with specific objective of insuring rural population in addition, LIC has also been implementing social security group insurance schemes like Janashree Bima Yojana, Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana and Shiksha Sahayog Yojana.

(c) Under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) Act, 1999, LIC is required to and has been following IRDA regulation on Rural and Social Sectors.

(d) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (Obligations of Insurers to Rural or Social Sectors) Regulations, 2000 issued by IRDA stipulate that the quantum of insurance business done by the existing insurers like LIC shall not be less than what has been recorded by them for the accounting year ended 31st March, 2000. The Authority would review such quantum of insurance business periodically and give direction to the insurers for achieving the specified targerts.

Tax collection from Mumbai

2131. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the Direct/Indirect tax collection from Mumbai last year;

(b) what are the details of such collection during the last three years;

(c) whether the collection of Direct/Indirect tax from Mumbai is falling down; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The collection of direct and indirect taxes from Mumbai during the last three financial years is as follows:—